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July 1, 1999

Gregory Schmidt Secretary of the Senate State Capitol, Room 3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

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Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow

**Executive Director** 

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